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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN MILITARY GOVERNORS "SOON" TO BE  
REASSIGNED

REF: LAGOS 2127

1. AT AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE MAY 14 GENERAL GOWON CONFIRMED STATE MILITARY GOVERNORS WILL BE REASSIGNED "VERY SOON," BUT NOT UNTIL THEY HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR STATES' CURRENT BUDGETS AND LAUNCHED THEIR PROGRAMS UNDER THIRD DEVELOPMENT PLAN. (ALL STATES EXCEPT MID-WESTERN HAVE NOW ANNOUNCED BUDGETS.) GOWON THEN EMPHASIZED THAT HE RESERVES RIGHT WHEN AND HOW TO DEPLOY HIS MEN AND WILL NOT ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE PUSHED ON ISSUE. ON QUESTION OF WHEN COMMISSIONERS FOR SIX RECENTLY ANNOUNCED MINISTRIES WILL BE APPOINTED, GOWON SAID THAT FINDING BEST PEOPLE FOR THESE POSTS WAS NOT EASY, BUT NEW COMMISSIONERS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

2. COMMENT: ACTUAL DATE OF REASSIGNMENT IS NO CLEARER THAN BEFORE, BUT ANNOUNCEMENT OF STATE BUDGETS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS REMOVES PRINCIPAL EXCUSE FOR INACTION. AS JANUARY'S DELAY IN APPOINTING NEW FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TESTIFIES, REASSIGNMENT MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO WORK OUT EVEN THOUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF SIX NEW MINISTRIES COULD PROVIDE CONVENIENT SLOTS FOR  
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SOME OUTGOING GOVERNORS. HOWEVER, DEALING WITH GOVERNORS WHO

HAVE GROWN FOND OF POWER IS INHERENTLY MORE DIFFICULT THAN  
REASSIGNING CIVILIAN COMMISSIONERS, OLD BATCH OF WHOM QUIT LAST  
DECEMBER WITHOUT A MURMUR.  
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